

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5373–S5412*

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2449–2459, S.J. Res. 54, and S. Res. 306–307. **Page S5407**

#### Measures Reported:

S. 715, to improve the productivity and energy efficiency of the manufacturing sector by directing the Secretary of Energy, in coordination with the National Academies and other appropriate Federal agencies, to develop a national smart manufacturing plan and to provide assistance to small-and medium-sized manufacturers in implementing smart manufacturing programs. (S. Rept. No. 116–80)

S. 859, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize hydroelectric production incentives and hydroelectric efficiency improvement incentives, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–81)

S. 983, to amend the Energy Conservation and Production Act to reauthorize the weatherization assistance program. (S. Rept. No. 116–82)

S. 1085, to support research, development, and other activities to develop innovative vehicle technologies. (S. Rept. No. 116–83)

S. 979, to amend the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 to incorporate the recommendations made by the Government Accountability Office relating to advance contracts, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–84)

S. 1151, to prohibit contracting with persons that have business operations with the Maduro regime, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–85)

S. 1378, to repeal the multi-State plan program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–86)

S. 1388, to manage supply chain risk through counterintelligence training. (S. Rept. No. 116–87)

S. 1419, to require agencies to publish an advance notice of proposed rule making for major rules, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–88)

S. 1539, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide funding to secure nonprofit facilities from terrorist attacks. (S. Rept. No. 116–89)

S. 1846, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for engagements with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–90)

S. 1867, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security an Unmanned Aircraft Systems Coordinator. (S. Rept. No. 116–91)

S. 1869, to require the disclosure of ownership of high-security space leased to accommodate a Federal agency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–92)

S. 2065, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to publish an annual report on the use of deepfake technology, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–93)

S. 2107, to increase the number of CBP Agriculture Specialists and support staff in the Office of Field Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. (S. Rept. No. 116–94)

S. 2193, to require the Administrator of General Services to issue guidance to clarify that Federal agencies may pay by charge card for the charging of Federal electric motor vehicles, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–95)

H.R. 150, to modernize Federal grant reporting, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–96)

H.R. 2590, to require a Department of Homeland Security overseas personnel enhancement plan, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–97)

H.R. 347, to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 relating to the disposal site in Mesa County, Colorado. (S. Rept. No. 116–98)

S. 731, to amend the Anti-Border Corruption Act of 2010 to authorize certain polygraph waiver authority, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–99)

S. 1434, to prohibit the use of reverse auctions for design and construction services procurements. (S. Rept. No. 116–100)

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**Measures Passed:**

***Veterans Expedited TSA Screening Safe Travel Act:*** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 1881, to provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5411**

***TSA Credential and Endorsement Harmonization Act:*** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 2035, to require the Transportation Security Administration to develop a strategic plan to expand eligibility for the PreCheck Program to individuals with Transportation Worker Identification Credentials or Hazardous Materials Endorsements, and the bill was then passed. **Page S5411**

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13848 of September 12, 2018, with respect to the threat of foreign interference in United States elections; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–26) **Pages S5391–92**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order with respect to Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995, Executive Order 13099 of August 20, 1998, and Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001 with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that consolidates and enhances sanctions; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–27)

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**Akard Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Stephen Akard, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 91 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. EX. 267), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5380**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 11, 2019. **Page S5411**

**Cabaniss Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management. **Pages S5380–81**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 268), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5380–81**

**Byrne Nomination—Cloture:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of James Byrne, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

**Pages S5381–84**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 81 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. EX. 269), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5381**

**Nominations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the post-cloture time on the nominations of Stephen Akard, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, with the rank of Ambassador, Department of State, Dale Cabaniss, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and James Byrne, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, expire at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, September 11, 2019; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, following disposition of the nomination of James Byrne, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and that at 2:45 p.m., Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Michelle Bowman, Thomas Peter Feddo, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Investment Security, and Jennifer D. Nordquist, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; and that following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jennifer D. Nordquist, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations of Stephanie L. Haines, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Ada E. Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Steven D. Grimberg, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Steven C. Seeger, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Mary S. McElroy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, and Stephanie A. Gallagher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, under the previous order of Thursday, August 1, 2019. **Page S5384**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 56 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 264), Kelly Craft, of Kentucky, to be Representative of the

United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations. **Pages S5374–79**

By 57 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 266), Elizabeth Darling, of Texas, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services. **Pages S5379–80**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 57 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. EX. 265), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5379**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S5392**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S5392**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S5392–S5405**

**Petitions and Memorials:** **Pages S5405–06**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S5407–09**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S5490–91**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S5411**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S5411**

**Record Votes:** Six record votes were taken today. (Total—269) **Pages S5379–81**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:45 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday,

September 11, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5411.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020.

### HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on next steps, after receiving testimony from Steven T. Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury; Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and Mark A. Calabria, Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 4261–4278; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 549–551 were introduced. **Pages H7596–97**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H7597–98**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Dingell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7561**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:28 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7564**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Kevin Yriarte, Journey of Faith Church, Covina, CA. **Page H7564**

**Protecting and Securing Florida's Coastline Act of 2019, Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Pro-**

**tection Act, and Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 548, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 205) to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to permanently extend the moratorium on leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1146) to amend Public Law 115–97 (commonly known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act) to repeal the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil and gas program; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1941) to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior including in any leasing program certain planning areas, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 231 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 518, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 232 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 517. **Pages H7566–71, H7584–85**